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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE PROOF HOUSING TECHNOLOGY - REQUEST FROM
HIMACHAL PRADESH GOVERNMENT

REFS: A. NEW DELHI 985, 1975. B. DELHI'S A-463, 1974.

1. THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HAS ASKED
THE EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION ON EARTHQUAKE PROOF
HOUSING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED IN THE US, AND WE HAVE REFERRED
HIM TO PERTINENT SOURCES.

2. TEXTS OF LETTERS EXCHANGED FOLLOW:

LETTER FROM RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, BHAGWATI SHARAN SINGH
TO THE EMBASSY:

"DEAR EMBASSY:

YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE THROUGH THE DAILY PRESS THE
SERIOUSNESS AND MAGNITUDE OF THE LOSS OF LIVES AND DAMAGE

TO PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES
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DISTRICTS OF LAHAUL AND SPITI AND KINNAUR IN HAMACHAL PRADESH. AS A FIRST PHASE OF RELIEF WORK IS OVER THE STATE GOVERNMENT IS ENGAGED IN PREPARING A REHABILITATION PLAN. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SUFFICIENT TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN YOUR COUNTRY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF EARTHQUAKE-PROOF HOUSES PARTICULARLY IN THOSE AREAS WHICH

ARE VERY FREQUENTLY VISITED BY SEVERE TREMOURS. THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION, PRINTED OR OTHERWISE, ON THIS SUBJECT. WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR AN EARLY REPLY."

3. LETTER TO THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FROM THE EMBASSY:
"WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR MARCH 6 LETTER ON THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH IN WHICH YOU REQUEST INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OF EARTHQUAKE-PROOF HOUSING IN THE UNITED STATES, AND HASTEN TO REPLY.

"WE FOLLOW WITH GREAT CONCERN THE NEWS OF THE HAVOC CAUSED IN HIMACHAL PRADESH. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE DISASTER VICTIMS.

"THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, 5281 PORT ROYAL ROAD, SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA 22151, PROVIDES INSTANT ACCESS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL REPORTS AT A VERY NOMINAL PRICE. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO CONTACT THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC DOCUMENTATION CENTRE, HILLSIDE ROAD, NEW DELHI WHO ARE AWARE OF THESE SERVICES.

"THE SCHOOL OF EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF RORKEE HAS EXCELLENT ACCESS TO STUDIES ON EARTHQUAKE-PROOF HOUSING CONDUCTED IN INDIA, THE UNITED STATES, AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE SCHOOL ALSO IS ORGANIZING THE SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING TO BE HELD IN NEW DELHI FROM JANUARY 10-14, 1977.

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